

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A network analyzer that is connected to a test set that comprises network analyzer side ports, device under test side ports that are connected to a device under test, and a port connecting means connecter that selects any one of the device under test side ports, and connects the selected device under test side port to one of the network analyzer side ports, wherein the device under test side ports constitute a main port group and a sub port group whose connection to the network analyzer side ports is independently set, the network analyzer comprising:

transmission/reception ports that are connected to the network analyzer side ports one by one, and are used to transmit/receive a signal;

a transmission tracking error determining means determiner that determines a transmission tracking error of a combination of one of the possible connections of the main port group and one of the possible connections of the sub port group for all the possible connections of the main port group based on a signal before transmitted by said transmission/reception port, and a reception signal; and

a transmission tracking error deriving means deriver that derives a transmission tracking error other than the transmission tracking errors determined by said transmission tracking error determining means determiner based on the transmission tracking error determined by said transmission tracking error determining means determiner.

2. (Currently Amended) The network analyzer according to claim 1, wherein said transmission tracking error deriving means deriver uses two connections other than connections at a start point and an endpoint of the transmission tracking error to be derived to derive the transmission tracking error for a combination of one of the possible connections of the main port group and another possible connection of the sub port group.

3. (Currently Amended) The network analyzer according to claim 1 or 2, wherein:

the main port group includes three of the device under test side ports connected to two of the network analyzer side ports;

the sub port group includes three of the device under test side ports connected to one of the network analyzer side ports; and

two of the sub port groups exist.

4. (Currently Amended) The network analyzer according to claim 1 or 2 comprising:

a transmission signal measuring means measurer that measures a transmission signal parameter relating to a transmission signal transmitted from said transmission/reception port before a measuring system error factor is generated; and

a reception signal measuring means measurer that measures a reception signal parameter relating to a reception signal received by said transmission/reception port.

5. (Original) The network analyzer according to claim 4, wherein the reception signal includes a reflected signal which is a reflected transmission signal.

6. (Currently Amended) A transmission tracking error measuring method of measuring a transmission tracking error of a network analyzer that is connected to a test set that comprises network analyzer side ports, device under test side ports that are connected to a device under test, and a port connecting-means connecter that selects any one of the device under test side ports, and connects the selected device under test side port to one of the network analyzer side ports, wherein the device under test side ports constitute a main port group and a sub port group whose connection to the network analyzer side ports is independently set, the network analyzer comprising transmission/reception ports that are connected to the network analyzer side ports one by one, and are used to transmit/receive a signal, the transmission tracking error measuring method comprising:

a ~~connection realizing step~~ of realizing a combination of one of the possible connections of the main port group and one of the possible connections of the sub port group for all the possible connections of the main port group;

a ~~device under test side port coupling step~~ of realizing all couplings for one combination of two ports for the device under test side ports connected to the network analyzer side ports if the combination is realized by said connection realizing step;

a signal measuring step of measuring a signal before transmitted by said transmission/reception port, and a received signal;

a ~~transmission tracking error determining step~~ of determining a transmission tracking error of the coupling realized by said device under test side port coupling realizing step based on a measured result of said signal measuring step; and

a ~~transmission tracking error deriving step~~ of deriving a transmission tracking error other than the transmission tracking error determined by said transmission tracking error determining step based on the transmission tracking error determined by said transmission tracking error determining step.

7. (Currently Amended) The transmission tracking error measuring method according to claim 6, wherein said device under test side port coupling realizing step is realized by a four-port calibrator which can couple all combinations of two ports out of four ports.

8. (Currently Amended) A network analyzing method of analyzing the network by using a network analyzer that is connected to a test set that comprises network analyzer side ports, device under test side ports that are connected to a device under test, and a port connecting means connecter that selects any one of the device under test side ports, and connects the selected device under test side port to one of the network analyzer side ports, wherein the device under test side ports constitute a main port group and a sub port group whose connection to the network analyzer side ports is independently set, the network analyzer comprising: transmission/reception ports that are connected to the network analyzer side ports one by one, and are used to transmit/receive a signal; the network analyzing method comprising:

~~a transmission tracking error determining step that determines a transmission tracking error of a combination of one of the possible connections of the main port group and one of the possible connections of the sub port group for all the possible connections of the main port group based on a signal before transmitted by said transmission/reception port, and a reception signal; and~~

~~a transmission tracking error deriving step that derives a transmission tracking error other than the transmission tracking errors determined by said transmission tracking error determining step based on the transmission tracking error determined by said transmission tracking error determining step.~~

9. (Currently Amended) A program of instructions for execution by the computer to perform a processing for analyzing a network by using a network analyzer that is connected to a test set that comprises network analyzer side

ports, device under test side ports that are connected to a device under test, and a port connecting means connecter that selects any one of the device under test side ports, and connects the selected device under test side port to one of the network analyzer side ports, wherein the device under test side ports constitute a main port group and a sub port group whose connection to the network analyzer side ports is independently set, the network analyzer comprising:
transmission/reception ports that are connected to the network analyzer side ports one by one, and are used to transmit/receive a signal; said processing comprising:

a transmission tracking error determining step that determines a transmission tracking error of a combination of one of the possible connections of the main port group and one of the possible connections of the sub port group for all the possible connections of the main port group based on a signal before transmitted by said transmission/reception port, and a reception signal; and

a transmission tracking error deriving step that derives a transmission tracking error other than the transmission tracking errors determined by said transmission tracking error determining step based on the transmission tracking error determined by said transmission tracking error determining step.

10. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium having a program of instructions for execution by the computer to perform a processing for analyzing a network by using a network analyzer that is connected to a test set that comprises network analyzer side ports, device under test side ports that are connected to a device under test, and a port connecting means connecter that

selects any one of the device under test side ports, and connects the selected device under test side port to one of the network analyzer side ports, wherein the device under test side ports constitute a main port group and a sub port group whose connection to the network analyzer side ports is independently set, the network analyzer comprising: transmission/reception ports that are connected to the network analyzer side ports one by one, and are used to transmit/receive a signal; said processing comprising:

~~a transmission tracking error determining step that determines a transmission tracking error of a combination of one of the possible connections of the main port group and one of the possible connections of the sub port group for all the possible connections of the main port group based on a signal before transmitted by said transmission/reception port, and a reception signal; and~~

~~a transmission tracking error deriving step that derives a transmission tracking error other than the transmission tracking errors determined by said transmission tracking error determining step based on the transmission tracking error determined by said transmission tracking error determining step.~~

11. (New) The network analyzer according to claim 2, wherein:

the main port group includes three of the device under test side ports connected to two of the network analyzer side ports;

the sub port group includes three of the device under test side ports connected to one of the network analyzer side ports; and

two of the sub port groups exist.

12. (New) The network analyzer according to claim 2 comprising:

a transmission signal measurer that measures a transmission signal parameter relating to a transmission signal transmitted from said transmission/reception port before a measuring system error factor is generated;

and

a reception signal measurer that measures a reception signal parameter relating to a reception signal received by said transmission/reception port.

13. (New) The network analyzer according to claim 12, wherein the reception signal includes a reflected signal which is a reflected transmission signal.